

## **Economic Stimulus Tax Rebate Checks and Medicaid Eligibility**

Millions of Americans will soon receive economic stimulus tax rebate checks.

Many people are worried that this will cause them to lose their Medicaid.

**1-You need to know that the economic stimulus tax rebate will not count as income for any Medicaid program.**

**2-Some Medicaid programs count resources or assets. These include:**

- Nursing Home
- ICF/MR or other institutional programs
- Waiver programs
- SSI-related programs such as Disabled Adult Child, Widow/Widower, Pickle or Continuous, or Grandfathered Children

**3-If you, a family member or someone you care for are on one of the above programs, you need to know that:**

- Medicaid will not count tax rebates as income during the month it is received. This means it will not be used when deciding if someone qualifies for Medicaid, determining the patient liability for nursing home care, or for spousal allocations;
- The rebate will be exempt for three months. This means it will not be counted the month you get it and it will not be counted as a resource in the two months after it is received. Any money from the rebate that has not been spent or given away within that time period will be counted as a resource in the fourth month for the programs listed above.

Details about how to apply for the rebate are located at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)